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A European Search Report dated February 10, 2005 is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the European Search Report along with the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form-1449.

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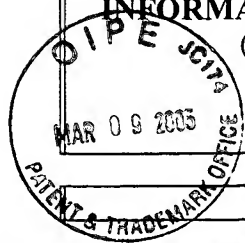
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